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SWLRT Under Siege

Lawsuits, Soaring Costs, Skeptical Funders

By Mary Pattock

On August 11 the lawsuit challenging the planned Southwest Light Rail route through the Kenilworth Corridor and the Chain of Lakes received a trial date: September 17, 2017.

As many HLP readers know, the suit claims that the Met Council violated the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) by deciding to run light rail through the Kenilworth Corridor before analyzing less-environmentally damaging alternatives as required by NEPA. The suit was filed in U.S. District Court in September, 2014, by the Lakes and Parks Alliance of Minneapolis.

If LPA wins the lawsuit, the Met Council will have to re-scope the project and conduct environmental impact studies on alternatives to the Kenilworth route, in order to provide public officials with sufficient information to make informed decisions about the project.

U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Steven Rau, assisting Chief Judge John Tunheim, who is in charge of the case, issued the order.

In recent weeks, LPA attorneys have been reviewing thousands of Met Council documents as part of the discovery phase of the lawsuit.

The Met Council had several times resisted surrendering the documents, arguing that LPA must wait to sue until after the agency took final action, and that LPA should make its case solely on public documents like agendas and minutes.

Last spring they asked for an order for protection to allow them to keep the documents secret, but Judge Tunheim denied the request.

“Dangerously close” to violating the law

The Met Council’s first response to the lawsuit had been to file a motion, which Judge Tunheim denied, to dismiss LPA’s lawsuit. He let the lawsuit go forward, writing in his August 4, 2015 opinion that although he needed more information, it already seemed to him that the Met Council had come “dangerously close” to violating NEPA:

“[The public record] shows that, throughout much of this process, the Met Council has had a clear favorite route for the SWLRT. While the agency in charge can state a subjective preference, the unique nature of the municipal consent process in Minnesota for light rail projects, and the significant drumbeat of support the Met Council assembled for a single route, certainly comes close to having the practical effect of limiting the available options, such that the remaining federal environmental review is meaningless. Indeed, by signing an agreement with St. Louis Park that all but guarantees freight rail will stay in the Kenilworth Corridor, the Met Council has come dangerously close to impermissibly prejudicing the ongoing environmental review process.”

Cost of “the costliest project” rises

Even with its original \$1.25 billion price tag, SWLRT was already the most expensive public works project in Minnesota history. But by April, 2015, the cost had risen still higher, to \$2 billion; Governor Mark Dayton said he was “shocked and appalled.” In

response, the Met Council cut stations, services and amenities from the plan, reducing the cost to \$1.79 billion.

This month the price rebounded, to \$1.86 billion. The Met Council blamed “inaction by the House leadership” for causing delays, as well as land donations to the project — the value of which, they discovered, must be counted toward the total cost.

Legislators might just say ‘No.’

Since lawmakers refused to fund the project during the 2016 session, supporters now want to bring it up in a special session. As of this writing, following another inconclusive confab between Dayton, GOP Speaker of the House Kurt Dauterive and DFL Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk, the prospect of a special session seems dim.

Republicans generally take the position that this is not the time to vote on SWLRT, since it never had a committee hearing, and that roads and bridges should be the state’s top transportation priority.

Democrats generally support funding SWLRT to

advance a metro-wide transit system and in order not to lose out on \$900 million of federal matching dollars.

Proponents, including Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin and St. Louis Park’s Sen. Ron Latz, have proposed that if State dollars don’t materialize, a special sales tax could be levied on just Hennepin County to fill in the gap. Opponents say it would be unfair to make Hennepin taxpayers foot the entire bill for SWLRT, a local transportation project, since those same taxpayers help pay for transportation everywhere else in the state.

Opponents also argue that there is only so much tax capacity for transit in the state, and draining one large pocket of it — just Hennepin County, or just the Metro — only spares State resources on a cosmetic level; in reality it would diminish the State’s overall ability to pay for transportation throughout Minnesota.

Alternatively, say proponents, the Met Council could issue Certificates of Participation. COPs are financial instruments sometimes used by public agencies to circumvent restrictions that might exist on the amount of

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CIDNA neighbors gather for robust National Night Out



Photo by Dorothy Childers
Caption by Scott Graham

In a neighborhood blending CIDNA’s NorthWest corner and St Louis Park, the neighbors bring everything out to Cedar Lane: kids, pets, BBQ and even the kitchen sink. Susan Davis helps Dan Porter clean up as dogs Bubbles and Marco look on. This neighborhood typically draws 60-75 neighbors to NNO which has enhanced the communication and warmth of the area.

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Members of the Isles Ensemble, founded in 2004 on the shores of Lake of the Isles, start their 2016-17 season on Sunday, September 18, with a concert featuring Beethoven, Ravel, and Dvorak.

Isles Ensemble season opens on Sept. 18, right in our own backyard

By Michael Wilson

If you're looking for another reason to treasure our four Hill and Lake neighborhoods, try this: we have our own superb chamber music group.

In 2004, according to Leslie Shank, violinist and Lowry Hill East resident, she and violinist Joanne Opgenorth were walking around Lake of the Isles and were struck by the beauty of Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church as they viewed it across the water. Opgenorth poked her head in the church, Shank recalls, and said, "The acoustic is great. This would be a marvelous performance space for a chamber group." Shortly afterwards

the Isles Ensemble was born.

The Isles Ensemble begins its 13th season on Sunday, September 18, at 2 pm with a program featuring Beethoven (String Quartet in Bb major, Op. 18, No. 6), Ravel (Sonata No. 2 for Violin and Piano), and Dvorak (Viola Quintet in Eb major, Op. 97).

Cellist Laura Sewell, whose parents live in Cedar-Isles-Dean, was a founding member of the New York-based Lark Quartet in 1985 and played with the esteemed Artaria Quartet from 2007 until 2016. She describes each of the three works on the September 18 program as very open and sunny – real audience "winners." "We deliberately chose them to be on the opening concert of the season," Sewell says, "because they felt friendly and welcoming."

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- August 24, 5pm Lisa Goodman Fundraiser
- August 27 9-noon Park Siding Gardening
- September 10 Groveland Gallery exhibitions
- Sept. 10 9am to 3pm East Isles Super Sale

Neighborhood monthly meetings

- CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm Jones-Harrison
- EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm Grace Community Church
- KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center
- LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

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At their planning meeting in the spring, the ensemble members each nominate a piece they would particularly like to play for the upcoming season, and then they build the season's programs from those nominations. "The Beethoven quartet is one of his six early quartets and is my personal favorite of the six," Sewell says. "It's one of the most cheerful pieces I can think of in the quartet repertoire. I was the person who actually requested we do this piece this year and I am so happy everyone else agreed!"

Shank played with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra for 30 years, 24 of them as assistant concertmaster. She's looking forward to hearing the Ravel sonata, which Ensemble co-founder Opgenorth will be playing. Shank notes that Ravel was very interested in jazz and blues when he wrote this piece in 1923.

The Dvorak quintet is one of the pieces he wrote in 1893 during his summer in Spillville, Iowa. It has the nickname the "American," Sewell notes, just like the string quartet he also wrote that summer. "Spillville is only a few hours away and it is a fun place to visit," Sewell says. "In fact, you can actually spend time in the room where Dvorak first read through this quintet with a few friends – which I have done!"

Shank says that they decided to start all their programs at 2 pm so inveterate music lovers can take advantage of the area's rich and busy schedule of concert offerings and attend a late afternoon concert as well. A modest donation is collected at the door, and the musicians enjoy talking with concert-goers afterwards over light refreshments.

The other 2016-17 Isles Ensemble concerts (all on Sundays at 2 pm) are scheduled for October 30, February 26, and May 7. Take a stroll or a short ride to Lake of the Isles Lutheran and enjoy wonderful chamber music in an intimate setting, right in our own Hill and Lake neigh-



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Meet your Neighbor, Jean Deatrck

Craig Wilson interviews Jean Deatrck about her role at Hill and Lake Press. How did you originally get involved with the Hill Lake Press?

I began volunteering with Hill and Lake Press in the late 1990s when my husband John Gridley and I moved back from Los Angeles where we had lived for several years. After a couple of years, I was asked to become advertising manager. I contacted local businesses and encouraged them to advertise with us, not an easy task.

When did you become editor? Although advertising remained strong, putting together the paper with volunteers was no longer working well. Many of the volunteers who had provided strong support over the years had moved on to other jobs, others had moved away. Paste up sessions became difficult with few volunteers offering to participate. Eventually by 2003, several of the editors and volunteers decided it was time to stop publishing Hill and Lake Press and use the money in the bank for a big party. However Jane Johnson and Dorothy Childers and I with help from Joyce Murphy refused to let the paper die. Because I was working for St. Mark's Cathedral at the time and did electronic publishing in my job there, it was decided that I would take over. Our print shop also encouraged us to go electronic and they sent two reps who taught me the basics of doing the paper electronically. It was a long slow process to learn how to produce the paper and a lot harder than doing an ad or two at St. Mark's.

How has the publishing process changed over the years? From its inception, Hill and Lake Press was produced by volunteers who pasted up typewritten stories and photos onto large paper sheets which were then driven to the print shop and photographed to become the printed paper. An Executive Manager was in charge and we had rotating managing editors who took turns at being in charge of planning each monthly issue. Please read March, April, May, and June issues in 2016 for further information about the fun, dedication, and hard work of the early founders and volunteers.

How does each issue currently come together? I alone produce each issue by computer which is then sent electronically to the printer. It is quite a change from the days when a large number of volunteers worked together to paste up each issue. Ads, photos, and stories are sent to

me via email which I then edit and insert into each monthly issue. Dorothy Childers covers neighborhood events and, using Photoshop, refines her photos and sends them to me for each issue. I am fortunate that many writers in the neighborhood submit stories and they are not paid. Michael Wilson is the most frequent and notable writer for Hill and Lake Press. My print shop representative and media reps check the entire paper for correctness and it is then published and distributed. The hardest part of my job is to impress on contributors to send their articles in early.

What have been some of the most controversial issues in your tenure? Several years ago, there was a flurry of teardowns, the destruction of large and beautiful homes in our neighborhoods. Much opposition arose and Hill and Lake Press published articles opposing the teardowns. I received unpleasant emails and phone calls from irate people who either had or planned to tear down a house. I even received two threatening phone calls.

Another story that generated many emails and phone calls was when the trains starting moving again through the neighborhood. Although many readers were opposed, a surprising number of people were enthusiastic and declared the trains charming and historic.

However, the opposition to SWLRT has certainly topped the teardown issue and has engendered the most animosity from our residents. I don't recall any other issue receiving more opposition than SWLRT. We have covered this important issue in countless issues.

What types of stories do you get the most letters and email commentaries from? Hill and Lake Press covers issues of interest to the four neighborhoods that support our newspaper. Stories that describe issues of livability generate phone calls or emails. Mostly however, our readers support our newspaper and I receive very little criticism. Most of my critical emails are from readers who have not received their paper. Our delivery has improved greatly in the last year, but it still occasionally needs improvement. I encourage readers to email or phone me if they do not receive their paper so that I can relay the message to our delivery manager, Sara Nelson, who is very conscientious and eager to deliver the paper to all the

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debt they can assume in other ways. Some experts say that, in view of the risks posed by the pending lawsuit, it might be difficult to sell the certificates, and if they did sell, it could well be at punishingly high interest rates, which would ultimately be paid by taxpayers.

Pursuing the local tax option would need legislative approval. The Met Council apparently has the authority to issue COPS on its own.

There is also the matter of past promises. Prior to the opening of the 2016 legislative session, in a letter to House transportation committee chair Tim Kelly, Met Council Chair Adam Duinick wrote, "The Metropolitan Council will not commit the 10% state share for the project without approval from the Legislature." He said it "is not the Council's preference to fund the project in this manner [with Certificates of Participation]," and "Should the Legislature ultimately choose not to fund the Southwest LRT project in a future legislative session, the project will not go forward."

Deforestation, GH gases, explosives

Opponents of the Kenilworth route say it would eradicate 44 acres of urban forest, prairie preservation land and natural habitat, and that 220 trains a day over the channel would severely damage the serene recreational environment of the Grand Rounds. (The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board took a similar position until it was threatened by Governor Dayton with loss of funding.)

Opponents point out that the Met Council acknowledges, in its Final Environmental Impact Statement, that SWLRT would "increase GHG [greenhouse gas] emission in the Twin Cities Area by approximately 2,000 metric tons per year in 2040, compared to the No Build alternative" — no doubt surprising SWLRT advocates who have supported the project on environmental grounds.

Critics say the route doesn't serve the very people who need transit the most (for example, in North Minneapolis), and are concerned about running electric-sparking light rail only feet away from explosive

ethanol freight trains, through CIDNA and KIAA neighborhoods.

Finally, they question the project's return on the dollar: the Met Council says the project would remove only 6,500 cars off the roads — and not until 2040. Some critics prefer a route through Uptown, which would attract more riders while avoiding environmental and safety risks; others say BRT — bus rapid transit — would serve more people and be more flexible at a fraction of the cost of SWLRT.

Feds are skeptical

The Federal Transportation Administration is on the hook for 50 percent of the project's cost, about \$900 million. But in a letter to Governor Dayton obtained by LPA and the Star Tribune as a result of the legal discovery process, Met Council Chair Duinick said that the FTA had delayed the Final Funding Agreement because of the pending LPA lawsuit. The reason for the delay was not immediately shared with the SWLRT Corridor Management Committee, and, as far as is known, has not been shared voluntarily with anyone since.

It is possible that yet another lawsuit could be filed, this one by residents of the Cedar Isles Condominiums. The current SWLRT plan involves building a tunnel for the LRT trains within 12 feet of the exterior walls of the CIC high-rise, 6 inches from its garage and 43 feet from a row of its townhomes.

The Met Council, in its Final Environmental Impact Statement, put the CIC buildings in the category of lowest-possible-risk for vibration and noise impacts resulting from construction and operation. This prompted the CIC Association to hire Itasca Consulting Group, a geotechnical firm with expertise in vibration, noise, and geotechnical design issues, to formally object to the FEIS. They also hired an attorney.

Pattock serves on the board of the Lakes and Parks Alliance and is a member of LRT-Done Right.

More volunteers needed!

Hill and Lake parks, public spaces getting lots of love

By Michael Wilson

Our four Hill and Lake neighborhoods are blessed with beautiful parks, lakes, walking paths, recreational pike trails, and gardens, so much so that they are among the metro area's most-visited destinations and most desirable places to live. But far from stopping at simply using and enjoying their parks, Hill and Lake residents have a long tradition of working hard, both collectively and individually, to protect, improve, and beautify our parks and public spaces.

Anita Tabb, Lowry Hill resident, 4th District Park Board commissioner, and current board president, notes that our parks are enhanced by individual citizens and residents in ways that benefit us all. "Did you ever wonder," she asks, "just how those flowers at Thomas Lowry Park seemed to be getting even more beautiful over the past few years? Or why some of the garden areas at Lake of the Isles are nicely manicured now? Or how enhancements were made at Park Siding Park and Cedar Lake South Beach?"

"The Park Board and our whole community owes so much to those who spend their time and money for the betterment of our parks," Tabb says. "Once again, that very Minnesota value of being engaged in community partnerships pays off in a big way for all of us!"

A full accounting of all the labors and accomplishments of individuals, groups, and our four neighborhood associations would take up most of this newspaper which you hold in your hands. There's a wealth of stories to be shared — please help write about them for a future issue of Hill & Lake Press! Meanwhile, here's some news about what your friends and neighbors are accomplishing.

Cedar Lake South Beach

South Beach is a bit of an anomaly: part of the Chain of Lakes Regional Park, but also Cedar-Isles-Dean's own neighborhood beach. The CIDNA board has invested considerable NRP/CPP funds to improve South Beach today and to plan for its future.

Bikers, walkers, strollers and residents from Jones-Harrison have long wanted a place to sit and soak in the beautiful views across Cedar Lake, but all they've had is one bench in an out-of-the-way location. Enter Barbara Lunde — grandmother, CIDNA board member, and a force to be reckoned with. After gaining board approval to spend about \$2200 in NRP/CPP funds on two new benches, Lunde commenced several months of collaboration with Park Board staffers on pricing, design, location, and timing. Lunde says she's learned that "it takes persistence to keep the ball rolling." The result is two lovely new benches for watching everyone frolic in the water and marveling at the sunsets.

James Reid, another CIDNA board member, has undertaken this summer to host three South Beach cleanup sessions. Reid supplies tools and trash bags for his small band of volunteers to rake plant debris out of the water and from the sand beach and surrounding grassy areas. An added benefit, Reid notes, is that "City and Park Board workers notice that we care and that we appreciate their extra efforts." The result is a South Beach that looks

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**“South Beach”**

Barbara Lunde and her granddaughter Alice (age 1) enjoy a beautiful August morning at Cedar Lake South Beach on one of the two new benches which Lunde was instrumental in bringing to CIDNA. With Lunde are (from left) Monica Smith, CIDNA board coordinator; Claire Ruebeck, CIDNA NRP/CPP Committee chair; and Lunde's fellow CIDNA board member James Reid.

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better than it has for years.

In 2015 the CIDNA board committed \$40,000 in NRP/CPP funds to underwrite a planning process for a South Beach redesign. Working with landscape architects at Damon Farber Associates under the aegis of Park Board staff, CIDNA residents now have a “shovel-ready” plan, approved by the Park Board, for a much-improved South Beach when funding becomes available.

Park Siding Park

CIDNA's backyard truly is Park Siding Park, a jewel of a space with an award-winning landscape design, playground/tot lot, grills, picnic tables – and an outdoor ping pong table, purchased with CIDNA NRP/CPP funds. You'd never guess that in 1919 the Park Board purchased what is now Park Siding Park but what then was called the Dean Boulevard Construction Yard to provide an asphalt plant and storage/work yard.

Park Siding Park was torn up in 2014-15 due to a massive replacement of the force-main sewer system. The CIDNA board and others kept an eagle eye on the reconstruction of PSP so that today it looks better than ever. The gardening group gathers on the fourth Saturday morning of every month to maintain the park's glorious flower beds. Special shoutouts go to current gardening stalwarts Claire Ruebeck, James Reid, Sandi Larson, and Monica Smith. Go to <cidna.org> for more information on joining the crew at South Beach and Park Siding Park.

Cedar Lake East Beach

Most folks have a story or two to tell about what they got up to at Hidden Beach “back in the day” – or what they kind of wish they had gotten up to. For decades Kenwood residents for their part have responded to the antics, hijinks, and worse with calls to shut Hidden Beach down. By 2013 Hidden Beach ranked #1 among all Park

Board properties in number of citations written for misconduct. The KIAA board responded by allocating neighborhood funds to pay for additional police patrols.

By 2014 the KIAA board was saying, “There has to be a better way.” KIAA board chair Jeanette Colby credits recent arrival Matt Spies for taking charge of a new “positive programming initiative.” Spies articulates the board's goal: turn East Beach (the official name) into a true neighborhood amenity where everyone, including his young daughter, feels safe.

Under Spies' leadership KIAA started in 2015 to “reclaim” East Beach, creating a full program of activities throughout the summer and engaging visitors to help turn East Beach into a family-friendly place. The results? In 2015 the number of police citations plunged 50 percent from the previous year's level. And through July of this summer citations are down another 50 percent from last year's level.

KIAA has partnered with the amazing Amanda Vallone, proprietor of ARTrageous Adventures in Downtown Kenwood and herself a CIDNA board member, to stage several delightful events at East Beach. Come on Sunday, August 21, from 1-5 pm for the Pop-Up Adventure Park — a chance, Vallone says, for kids “to come together, play freely, build creatively, experience nature ... and have fun!”

The ‘secret gardener’ of Lake of the Isles

Ten years ago Kenwood resident David Schaezner had had enough of walking past the overgrown, weed-choked garden spots which dot the shoreline of Lake of the Isles, so he decided to take matters into his own hands – literally. He began to work at rehabilitating the garden spots one by one in the evening after he returned home from work. Soon people began to notice. After three years a Park Board survey report said that the Sheridan Avenue garden spot was “surprisingly weed-free” while allowing that officials didn't really know how that was coming about.

Shortly after that, when it became generally known that Schaezner's was the loving hand behind the resurgence of the Isles garden spots, he tackled the plantings around Peavey Fountain, which had become an eyesore. After 30 hours of weeding the beds were ready for soil regeneration and a planting design created by Sherry Brooks, Park Board engagement and volunteer coordinator, who works with other gardening groups in our neighborhoods as well. Peavey Fountain is now beautifully maintained by Kenwood volunteers who live nearby.

Now, ten years later, the self-effacing, tireless Schaezner continues to tend to five garden spots on the west shore of Isles. Schaezner says he's “not a big coordinator of others” and so prefers to do his gardening by himself, following his own schedule. Seek Schaezner out in the evening when you're on the west side of Isles and give him a big round of heartfelt thanks!

Kenwood School's Stone Poem Raingarden

Hill and Lake residents have a century-old tradition of pitching in to help make Kenwood a superb neighborhood school. Virtually every issue of Hill & Lake Press during its first 25 years carried articles describing school activities, student accomplishments, and community support opportunities.

That tradition came into play again in 2008 when Kenwood School parents Sanja DeDarmo and Kristi Pearson spearheaded formation of the Kenwood Environmental Improvement Project (KEIP) to beautify a desolate swath of hard-baked earth between West 21st Street and the playground's chain link fence. KEIP partnered with Tree Trust, KIAA, CIDNA, LHNA, and numerous parents and alumni families to replace the old fence with a wrought-iron fence anchored to stone columns, improve the landscaping, and plant elm trees.

In 2010 the vegetable garden was established, which continues to provide its bounty well into the fall, after students return to school. The Gnome Garden appeared in 2011, and in 2014 neighbors and Downtown Kenwood businesses underwrote the purchase and installation of “Mont Blanc,” a granite sculpture by local artist Zoran Mojsilov.

In 2015 KEIP received a \$10,000 grant from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District for a watershed curriculum, raingarden excavation, and signage. Metro Blooms landscape architect and East Isles resident Rich Harrison designed the raingarden and with Mojsilov a sculpted stepping-stone path, into which was engraved a poem written by Louise Erdrich expressly for this location.

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East Isles Residents Association seeks a Neighborhood Administrator**Position Overview:**

The East Isles Residents Association (EIRA) seeks a part time person to provide staff support for its community engagement initiatives, outreach activities and events, and administrative duties under the direction of the EIRA Board. The ideal candidate will have a working understanding of Minneapolis city/park board government; experience with community engagement; experience with supporting a volunteer board; volunteer and event coordination; website support and administration; strong organizational skills; and be a strong self-starter. The Administrator will also be responsible for administering most aspects of EIRA communications (mailings, electronic, and web) and coordinating with the EIRA board to promote and support the organization's projects and initiatives.

Duties will include:

- Attend monthly EIRA meetings (2nd Tuesday of every month at Grace-Trinity Community Church from 7:00-9:00 pm) and semi-annual member meetings (April and October).
- Prepare monthly meeting minutes, agenda, schedule speakers, and provide periodic reports to EIRA.
- Produce, manage and submit reports to the City of Minneapolis for Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) and Community Participation Program (CPP)
- Work with EIRA's NRP Committee to manage the neighborhood's Phase I & II plans. Schedule and attend committee meetings.
- Create yearly budget for CPP and neighborhood activity.
- Maintain, update and expand website (WordPress format)
- Create monthly e-newsletter (Constant Contact) and prepare e-blasts as necessary.
- Post events on Facebook and NextDoor.
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- Manage membership mailing and maintain membership list
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- Attend relevant meetings to represent EIRA and its initiatives as directed.

Qualifications:

- Advanced written and verbal communications skills.
- Strong organizational skills to manage and coordinate all aspects of responsibilities.
- Ability to understand and assist in managing EIRA spending as requested and NRP/CPP funding.
- Ability and willingness to travel locally.
- Working knowledge of using spreadsheets, websites, email marketing, and social media platforms.
- Familiarity with Quickbooks and basic accounting practices for small nonprofits.

This is a part-time, flexible, contract position at approximately 10-15 hours per week at between \$22 and \$28 per hour depending on skills, experience and qualifications. There are no benefits attached to this position. Coordinator will be expected to provide their own general office equipment in their own workspace. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Nancy Johnston at johnston.nancy06@gmail.com with “EIRA Coordinator Position” in the subject line by midnight, September 16, 2016



East Isles Hosts Spectacular Ice Cream Social

Parks photos continu



KIAA board member Matthew Spies, seen here at East Beach on a picture-perfect early August morning with his wife Julia Silvis and their three-year-old daughter Cora, has been the leader of KIAA's "positive programming initiative," which has seen police citations drop by half in 2015 and 2016 in the park formerly known as Hidden Beach. Amanda Vallone, creative events impresario and owner of ARTrageous Adventures in Downtown Kenwood, has helped Spies and KIAA stage several family-focused events at East Beach, including one on Sunday, August 21.

(See photo on page 7)

Kenwood resident David Schaezner has singlehandedly revived and nurtured five garden spots on the west shore of Lake of the Isles for the past ten years. During the first three years Schaezner went about his labors so unobtrusively that most people, including the Park Board, weren't even aware how the transformation was taking place. Schaezner also spearheaded the re-landscaping of Peavey Fountain.

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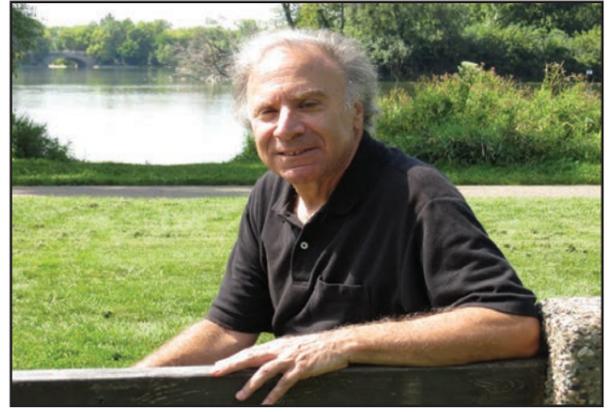
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“David Schaezner”

Harvey Ettinger, EIRA Parks Committee chair, has championed maintenance and improvement at Lake of the Isles for many years. He is proud of the creation of the landscaped “island” at Knox and south Isles Parkway, the building of two viewing piers, and the moving of canoe racks to less intrusive locations.



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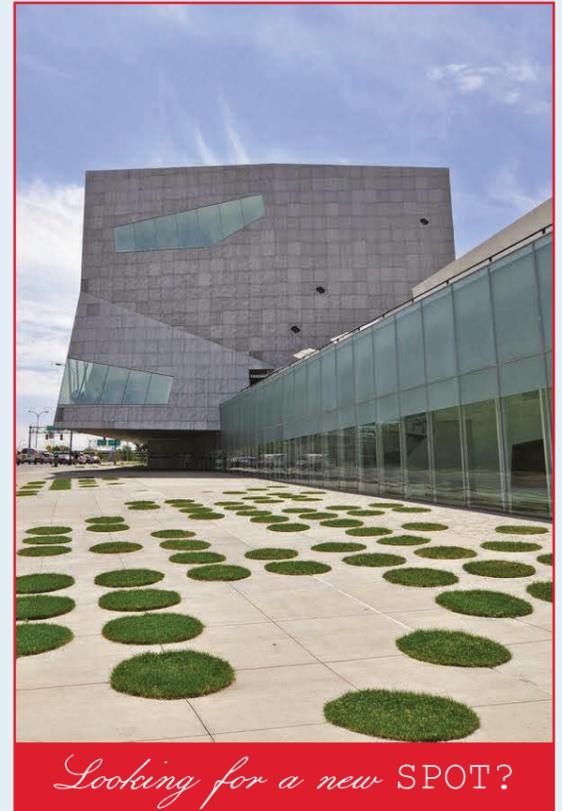
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The U.K...a personal retrospective.

FOOFC....From Our Own Foreign

Correspondent Jane Johnson

I left the UK in 1972 and returned to reside again in 2009..... A grand total of 37 years, more than half my life! I must admit that I was quite home sick during that time but I also was not sad to leave the UK of 1972. Talk about austerity! I have not experienced the likes of it since and hope I never will. It was the time of the three day working week, a policy implemented in order to save energy, money and to conserve jobs. It was a time of rotating power cuts in London in order to minimise electricity usage due to depleting coal reserves caused by miners' strikes.

There were troubles in Northern Ireland and consequently there was the permanent dark shadow of the threat of terrorist attacks

Jobs were scarce; class consciousness was being challenged and was arguably at its peak. Private schools, state schools, the establishment, they all used to have their own little cubbyholes, but now the walls were being broken down after the liberating polemic and popular scene of the 60s, and prior to that the social upheaval of the aftermath of WWII. Much of the populace was dissatisfied with life in the UK and emigration was rife, perhaps in excess of immigration. Quite different from now!

Minorities would only be seen in working-class jobs; after all that was the reason they came to the UK in the first place. Many buildings were still black from all the coal fire soot that had been belching out for the past centuries and there was still evidence of bombed-out buildings from the war. The Empire was now extinct; Britain was floundering, wondering what her place in the world was to become, if anything at all.

During those 37 years I visited regularly because I have family here but I realise it is not the same as being immersed in a country and its culture. What struck and surprised me when I took up residence once more in 2009 was how much had changed in Britain that I never would have dreamed was possible back in 1972.

When I left we had the M1 motorway going from London to Birmingham, and the odd by-pass around a town or two, and that was it. I returned to a fairly comprehensive network of motorways that run up and down and across the country, although way over subscribed of course, thanks to the dominance of the motorcar. We now have a fast and efficient car, lorry and train link to France through the Channel Tunnel (French strikes permitting). Many northern cities, once run down and depressed, have experienced a huge regeneration. London has become a financial power house and so many areas have been regenerated, on the whole in quite a sensitive way in my opinion.

The evolution of several hugely expanded airports serving London and some in the north also (although not nearly enough up there yet), means tourists flock here all the time, and we Brits can indulge our love of travel with many new and exciting destinations now open to us.

The country has become multi-cultural with minorities no longer in only the lower paid jobs and everywhere feels buzzy! People are out enjoying themselves, eating emporiums abound and the food is amazing in many restaurants. The art scene is burgeoning with many public art galleries having been built or expanded and modernised. There is a plethora of high quality music and theatre all over the country and people seem to be enjoying themselves! So many incredible country houses and other heritage sites are open to the public through the National Trust and other organisations. Our unique and beautiful medieval churches and cathedrals are being lovingly restored and maintained thanks to the initiatives of so many private citizens.

And through all of this we have had our Queen, bless her! Steadfast and true. When she finally pops her clogs, or abdicates by whatever means, I think the whole country will go into meltdown!

Since the Brexit vote it feels to me as though the UK is 'on hold'.....but more on that and also what I love about Britain that never changes as I cogitate on my next article!

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, August 10, 2016

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Stephen Goltry, Barbara Lunde, Jan Nielsen, James Reid, Karen Stublaski, Vern Vander Weide, and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

Rosanne Halloran called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Announcements

Planning has begun for the 2016 Wine Tasting Fundraiser. Tentative date is October 26.

The Vice Chair position remains open.

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be held on October 2. The CIDNA Board approved the budget of \$2,400. Volunteers are needed; contact info@cidna.org to help.

NRP/ CPP Report, Monica Smith

The City Council approved the Community Participation Program (CPP) guidelines and allocations for the next three-year cycle beginning in 2017.

The next gardening day is August 27, 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Park Siding Park.

The next NRP Committee meeting is August 24, 3:30 p.m. at Rustica.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Sidewalk replacement work has begun in CIDNA.

The variance was approved to increase the maximum height of a fence at 3141 Dean Court.

Trammel Crow project: the developer was ordered to remove wood framing that does not meet state fire code and replace it with wood that is code compliant.

Election judges are needed for the general election. For more information, vote.minneapolismn.gov/judges/.

Hazardous Waste Drop Off is August 18-20, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 340 27th Ave NE. Details at hennepin.us/collectionevents.

CM Goodman is supportive of providing basic funding for neighborhood organizations to continue the work of engaging residents on behalf of the city.

Transportation Committee

The FTA issued the "record of decision" for Southwest LRT allowing the project to move forward.

Unresolved local funding for SWLRT may be considered in a special session of the legislature.

The price of SWLRT increased by another \$19 million for a new total cost of \$1,858 billion.

Land Use Committee, Bob Corrick

The lawsuit against Trammel Crow continues.

The Greystar project is nearing completion.

The Land Use Committee is working with Hennepin County to pursue an at-grade trail connection to the Greenway via Thomas Ave as part of the landscaping project for the Greystar development.

Metro Transit Route 9 Concept Plan, Steve Mahowald, Senior Transit Planner

Metro Transit is recommending a concept plan for restructuring Route 9 that impacts service in the CIDNA area. The plan proposes eliminating the Route 9H service along Ewing/France/W 26th St.

Community meetings are scheduled for:

September 8, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (public hearing, presentation at 5:00 p.m.) at Harrison Education Center, 501 Irving Ave N and September 10, 1:00-2:00 p.m. (presentation at 1:30) at Showplace ICON Theatre community room, 1625 West End Blvd, St. Louis Park.

Comments on the concept plan will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on September 19. Send comments to: service.development@metrotransit.org, 651-602-1500, or Metropolitan Council, 390 N Robert St, St. Paul, MN 55101

If approved, the plan will be implemented in March 2017. For more information, go to www.metrotransit.org/west-end.

Pedestrian Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

The committee continues to try to engage with Hennepin County for pedestrian safety improvement to the Lake St/Excelsior Blvd area.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

The Craft Beer Pedaler fundraiser was held on August 6.

The Coalition needs new members and new funding to allow them to continue to improve and protect the Greenway.

Neighborhood Organization Advocacy, Rosanne Halloran

Neighborhood organizations met on July 19 to continue discussing the future of neighborhoods when the dedicated funding source from the City expires. The group will draft a mission statement and a survey.

Calhoun Refectory Project, Monica Smith

The Park Board is conducting a facility and grounds study of the Calhoun Refectory building (currently operated by The Tin Fish). Two open houses are scheduled to gather community input in planning for future improvements to the site.

Open Houses will be held at the Calhoun Refectory, 3000 E Calhoun Pkwy on August 12, 7:00-9:30 a.m., Noon-2:00 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m. and September 8, Noon-2:00 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Organization and Elections, Monica Smith

Neighborhood boards are tax-exempt organizations that are bound by IRS and contractual restrictions regarding political activity. The IRS code states that tax-exempt organizations may not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office. Neighborhood organization may participate in voter registration, work on ballot initiatives and organize non-partisan candidate forums.

New Business

The NRP Committee will review a request to fund and host a poetry performance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence.

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By Tom H. Cook

Don't worry, be happy.

—Bobby McFerrin

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—Ministry of Information,
British Government June, 1939

No worries

—Australian/British/New
Zealand expression

What me worry?

—Alfred E. Neuman (Mad Magazine)

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,

Courage to change the things I can,

And wisdom to know the difference.

—Reinhold Niebuhr's Serenity Prayer
(Alcoholics Anonymous)

I don't know if I am a born worrier or if years of practice has helped me to perfect my craft. I am unable to refrain from fretting, speculating, and fixating on what might happen. My current conundrum is the coming election. Like many, I feel that Donald Trump may not represent the best interests of those of us who live on land. His poor showing in the recent polls would suggest that victory is unlikely and the billions of dollars in advertising and the thousands of pundit hours are unnecessary.

Yet potential voters will still be harangued by fresh faced canvassers, robocalls, TV ads, and glossy mailers. People other than me will accost their neighbors outside supermarkets, stuff envelopes, and hold bake sales, car washes, and fancy fund raisers. My job during elections is to read everything I can find, bother my few remaining friends, and worry.

I fear that if a chambermaid short-sheets Trump's bed at a Best Western in Jacksonville, he may spend the entirety of a presidential debate complaining about it. (With most candidates "handlers" is just an expression.) Then I began to worry. What if Trump quits? Does he have the character and fortitude to stick it out and face a landslide, or is he more a "take his ball and go home" kind of guy?

What if RNC chair Wisconsinite Reince Priebus cooks up a deal with fellow Badger House Speaker Paul Ryan to run? Many differ with Ryan's policies but most agree that he is not insane. Talk about a lowered bar. Trump is polling slightly ahead of Kim Jong-un among women 18-54. Do I need the frat boy bully to remain engaged, and just successful enough to make it to November? How exactly do you go about rooting for that?

I was in full worry mode when I happened to re-watch *Bridge of Spies*, a Cold War drama directed by Steven Spielberg. Set in 1961 at the height of the Red scare, it is the true story of the trial of Russian spy Rudolf Abel. Tom Hanks is attorney James Donovan, tasked with defending Abel. Mark Rylance received an Academy Award for his nuanced portrayal of Abel as more than a borsht slurping villain in heavy overshoes and a cheap suit. Donovan and Abel form a lawyer/client relationship of necessity that develops into respect and friendship. Early on Donovan informs Abel that he faces charges of espionage and that the death penalty is "on the table." Abel responds drolly, "That wouldn't be my first choice." Donovan appears more anxious than his client as the case unfolds. The lawyer envies his client's composure. After a crucial ruling goes against them Donovan turns to Abel and asks, "Aren't you alarmed?" Abel answers, "Would it help?"

This is my lesson!

Donovan escorts Abel to the exchange point where he is to be swapped for Powers. Now friends, the lawyer is fearful of returning Abel to the Soviets. With drawn machine guns everywhere, Donovan asks Abel what he is going to do when he gets back. Abel replies "Have a vodka." Donovan tries again, "Are you worried they will kill you?" Abel responds, "Would it help?"

Am I worried the republic will crumble and we will be ruled by a madman and a party of spineless sycophants? Would it help?

Tom H. Cook ran a precinct for George McGovern in 1972.

Coming Up! East Isles Super Sale!

Neighbors, friends, join us for the 5th Annual East Isles Super Sale on Saturday, September 10 from 9 am to 3 pm. Same warm reception and outstanding selection of items. Same amazing location — between Hennepin Avenue and Lake of the Isles Parkway—22nd Street to Lake Street.

Want to host a sale? There's still time, but act quickly before our September 1 deadline. Registration fee (only \$10) includes promotion and advertising, yard signs listing in shopper's map, and free pickup of unsold items on Monday, September 12. This is a terrific way to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Check sale details and registration instructions at eastisles.org/EIRA/events/super-sale or contact Shelly Itman at noddie26@gmail.com or 612-374-5833.

Thank you to all neighbors who have donated to the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association — we appreciate your support.

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION

Gardening Volunteers are needed for Thomas Lowry Park on Saturday, September 10th, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon!

Meet at Douglas Ave S. (corner of Colfax & Douglas). Bring your favorite gardening tools & gloves. Don't have tools? That's OK, come join us, you'll still be useful!

Lowry Hill Needs Crime & Safety Block Leaders

Minneapolis Police and safety leaders asked the LHNA for help recruiting block leaders. About half of our neighborhood blocks are leaderless. Visit lowryhillneighborhood.org to see the block leader map.

Questions? Please contact our 5th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialists below for information.

Chelsea Adams at (612) 673-2819 Jennifer Waisanen at (612) 673-5407
Chelsea.adams@minneapolismn.gov Jennifer.waisanen@minneapolismn.gov

What Do Block Leaders Do?

Block leaders attend a one hour training session. Then they will receive special crime alerts for their block and are asked to share the information with their neighbors in a mutually convenient way.

Block Leaders Get Priority Registration For:

- MPD Citizens Academy (learn how the police department works)
- MFD CERT (learn how to respond in a natural disaster)
- Attend the RPOW (rental property owner workshop)

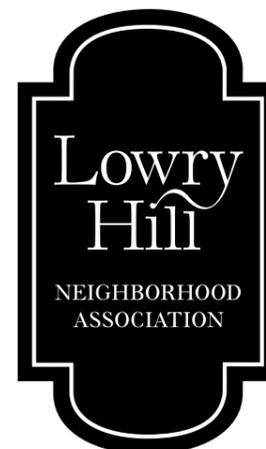
It doesn't take a lot of time to be a block leader but it can make a huge difference in your neighborhood. More than one person can be a block leader on a block so everyone is welcome to join!

The next LHNA Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 6th!

7:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome.

LHNA would like to remind you to "Leave A Light On" to help deter crime in our neighborhood. Thank you

Visit the LHNA website for more information, our event calendar and sign up for the monthly eNews letter at lowryhillneighborhood.org



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To Michael Wilson:

Got your wonderful package in the mail yesterday! Thanks so much for providing all the “extras” in what you sent to me. I especially appreciated the story on my dad (which I have yet to find in my archives!) as well as that story about us in the grain elevator condos. I can’t thank you enough for all the efforts you labored through to make the 40th birthday of the HLP so meaningful. The card with a Van Amerongen cartoon on the front is the icing on the cake. I’m so glad I’m a “pack rat” and was able to contribute a good copy of the song book.
Take care! Gary Cohen



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homes in our neighborhoods. **Where is the paper published and how is it delivered?** Hill and Lake Press is published by Quad/Graphics, a company who bought our longtime printer in Shakopee. I still use the same representative as before the merger and we receive excellent service. When the paper is printed, the bundles of papers are delivered to my front porch. Our delivery manager immediately picks up the papers and her crew begins the door-to-door delivery. A different crew including my daughter Heidi Deatrck and her husband Kim Hauschild are in charge of bulk delivery to businesses and stores in the neighborhoods.

How important is advertising income? Advertising is absolutely critical. Without our advertisers we would have to close down immediately. We receive substantial support from CIDNA, East Isles, Kenwood Isles, and Lowry Hill, but not enough to sustain Hill and Lake Press without advertising revenue. Some of our advertisers have been with us for many years and we are grateful for their loyal support.

Is the Hill Lake Press a non-profit? Hill and Lake Press is a non-profit and we file our papers with the State of Minnesota yearly to retain such status. My daughter Heather Deatrck has worked as business manager since John Gridley died and she keeps the financials in excellent shape. We operate on a break-even basis and pay small stipends to our photographer Dorothy Childers, to Heather Deatrck, and to me as Managing Editor.

What will the Hill Lake Press look like in the future, say 20 years from now? Hard to tell. Online readership and advertising is growing quickly everywhere. Will our small newspaper survive? First of all, we probably would need to revamp our website so that it is a frequently updated site. Our four neighborhoods are quite cohesive however, and readers love Hill and Lake Press. Will I be around to see what happens? I hope so, but I certainly won't be Managing Editor.

Does the Hill Lake Press accept donations? Hill and Lake Press happily accepts donations and we do receive them occasionally. Our recent 40th anniversary party resulted in donations from many people which we gratefully accepted. The 40th anniversary party was planned by Michael Wilson with support from the founders of Hill and Lake Press.

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| 3145 Dean Court #1001 | 409,900 | 0 | 8 | 400,000 | C | 2/2 | 1,750 | 321,915 | 5,129 | | |
| 3433 St Louis Ave | 425,000 | 0 | 5 | 442,500 | TWN | 2/3 | 1,785 | 336,630 | 5,360 | | |
| 2950 Dean Pkwy #2304 | 450,000 | 0 | 2 | 430,000 | C | 2/3 | 1,895 | 573,000 | 9,350 | | |
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The story of the Stone Poem Raingarden is as intriguing as the Raingarden itself. Go to the project's beautiful web page (<www.facebook.com/StonePoemRaingarden>) to learn more and view Angie Erdrich's stunning photos from the pollinator garden. And please join your friends and neighbors in making a generous donation to support this marvelous creation.

And so much more . . .

The East Isles Residents Association Green Team, headed by Betsy Allis, has several projects underway including the raingarden on Humboldt between The Mall and Lagoon.

The EIRA Parks Committee under the resolute, indefatigable leadership of Harvey Ettinger has bird-dogged the Lake of the Isles Renovation Project, begun in 2001, to keep the Park Board aware of tasks that still need doing.

Ettinger is proud of the creation of the “island” at the confluence of Knox and Isles Parkway, the addition of two viewing docks, and the relocation of the canoe racks to less obtrusive spots. He credits Kathy Low and Pat Scott among others for writing the Citizens Joint Review Committee report in 2011, which evaluated the status of the renovation project and listed what remains to be done.

EIRA has planted twelve replacement trees on The Mall and another twelve new trees along the Greenway. Plans are afoot to purchase and install outdoor chess tables on The Mall with a grant from People for Parks.

As reported in last month's Hill & Lake Press and in the StarTribune on August 14, Kenwood resident Mark Addicks has launched the Minneapolis Good Chair Project, which has placed 33 movable, wooden “conversation chairs” at Lake of the Isles and Currie Park and plans to place hundreds more in parks throughout the city. Addicks also tends the flowering plants in the Knox-Isles island.

The Friends of Thomas Lowry Park continue their loving care of this signature Lowry Hill landmark. For several years Sara Peterman singlehandedly watered, pruned, and weeded the park, according to Barry Lazarus, longtime Friends stalwart. She was soon joined by Suzanne Payne, Jeanne Scheiderer, Steve and Kathy Gaskins, Lazarus, Jeffrey Brown, and the late Barb Fogel. The Friends' work is supported by generous personal contributions from LHNA board members and others as well as fundraisers.

We all benefit from the dedication and support of our friends and neighbors who labor to protect and enhance these neighborhoods we all call home. Go to your neighborhood's website for more information. Attend a meeting of your neighborhood association. Join in!

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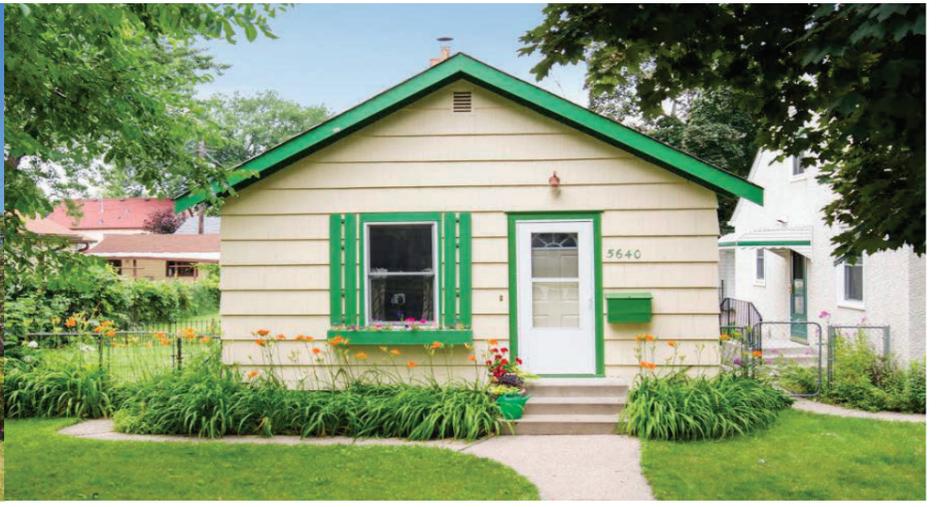
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A monarch butterfly enjoys the nectar of a liatris plant (a native pollinator) in the Stone Poem Raingarten on West 21st Street. Kenwood School is visible in the background. Photo: Angie Erdrich. Caption: Michael Wilson.

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“Raingarden” The Kenwood Environmental Improvement Project has transformed the south side of the Kenwood School property with a raingarden, granite sculpture, a poem carved into a stone walkway, a vegetable and pollinator garden.



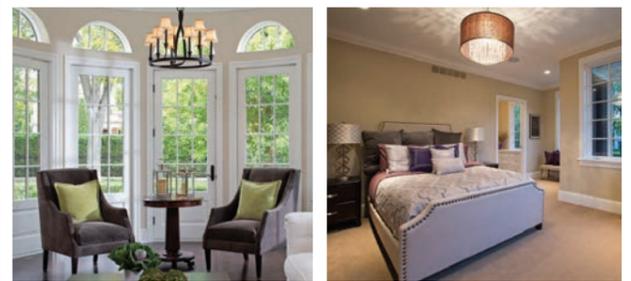
Kenwood residents Angie Erdrich (left) and Mary Lewis enjoy an early morning walk-through with East Isles resident and Metro Blooms landscape architect Rich Harrison.



Early morning sunlight slants through the trees lining the path to Cedar Lake East Beach.



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